

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma to enable them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

- (cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)*
- (cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*
- (cf. ~~5149 - At-Risk Students~~)*
- 6011 - Academic Standards*
- (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*
- (cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)*

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. Four courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Three courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses ~~required for completion in grades 9-12~~, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I. ~~(Education Code 51224.5)~~ or Mathematics I.

~~Completion of such coursework~~ prior to grade 9, ~~of algebra coursework that meets or exceeds state academic content standards~~ shall satisfy the ~~algebra coursework~~ Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete three mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

- (cf. ~~6011 - Academic Standards~~)*
- (cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*
- (cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)*

3. Three courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics. (Education Code 51225.3)

- (cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*
- (cf. 6142. ~~93~~94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

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5. One course in visual or performing arts

-(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

6. Two courses in physical education, including health education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

[6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction](#)

7. One Course of a World/Foreign Language.

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

8. Limitations:

Office/student aide: 10 credits maximum
(Office aides are Seniors ONLY; Office Aides receive Pass/Fail grade only, which are not to be used to determine athletic eligibility. In order to be considered for an Office Aide position, students must be on track for graduation.)

Work Experience: 40 credits maximum

Community Service: 20 credits maximum

ROP/CTE: 40 credits maximum

The remaining credits required for graduation will come from available elective courses.

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

[cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education](#)

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth or children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.1 and 49701.~~

~~(cf. 6173.1— Education for Foster Youth 6173.2— Education for Children of Military Families)~~

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~~High School Exit Examination~~

~~As a condition of high school graduation, each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics unless he/she receives a waiver or exemption. (Education Code 60851, 60859)~~

~~(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)~~

Exemptions and Waivers

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth, homeless students, and children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.1 and 49701. A foster youth, homeless student, or former juvenile court school student who transfers into the district any time after completing his/her second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether he/she qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

~~(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)~~

~~(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)~~

~~(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)~~

~~(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)~~

~~(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)~~

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families by waiving specific course requirements for graduation if the student has satisfactorily completed similar coursework in another district. (Education Code 49701)

~~(cf. 6173.2 - Education for Children of Military Families)~~

~~(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)~~

~~(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)~~

~~Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student in grade 7-12 who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress," as defined in BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction, toward passing the exit exam. (Education Code 60851)~~

~~(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)~~

~~(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)~~

~~(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)~~

~~(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)~~

~~(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)~~

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~~Students who have passed all state and local graduation requirements by the end of grade 12 except one or both parts of the exit exam shall be informed of educational options available within the district and/or the community to enable them to continue their progress toward a high school diploma or the equivalent of a diploma.~~

~~(cf. 6158—Independent Study)~~

~~(cf. 6181—Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)~~

~~(cf. 6184—Continuation Education)~~

~~Students who have passed all graduation requirements by the end of grade 12 except one or both parts of the exit exam also are eligible to receive a certificate of completion or comparable form of recognition to indicate that they have completed the required course of study regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students who have fulfilled all local and state graduation requirements except for the passage of the exit exam and the resources that have been offered to such students.~~

Retroactive Diplomas

Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 60851.6)

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. A deceased former student who satisfies these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by his/her next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code 51440)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

~~37252—Supplemental instructional programs~~

~~37254—Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12~~

~~37254.1—Required student participation in supplemental instruction~~

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

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Legal Reference: (continued)

EDUCATION CODE (continued)

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

48980 Required notification at beginning of term

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

51224.5 Algebra instruction

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course

51225.3 High school graduation

51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science

51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation

51228 Graduation requirements

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents

51410-51412 Diplomas

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates

51430 Retroactive high school diplomas

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51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

51745 Independent study restrictions

56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education

~~60850-60859 High~~ 60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination

60851.6 Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

COURT DECISIONS

O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, High School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs>

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

Policy

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